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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Masaakira HORINO**

Group Art Unit: 1614

Serial No.: 09/895,328

Examiner: **Clinton T. Ostrup**

Filed: **July 2, 2001**

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For: **SEBUM-ADSORBENT POWDER AND USE THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1614

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 1, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 1, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 5, 8-11, 13 and 14 as follows:

2. (Amended) A powder comprising a base core substance usable as a powder for cosmetics, a hydroxyapatite layer on the surface of said core, and a zinc oxide layer on said hydroxyapatite.

5. (Twice amended) The powder as defined in claim 2, wherein said substance contains an inorganic powder and contains any one of
a clay mineral,
a synthetic clay mineral,